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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The democrats of the house were entirely too smart for the busybodies who have been working so hard to make that adjourned democratic caucus a cat and dog fight that would have resulted in encouraging faction and otherwise injuring the democratic party. The caucus was held, and there was no fight at all. On the contrary, the meeting was entirely harmonious and not even any show of hard feelings was indulged in by anybody. According to the rule governing democratic caucuses, no action could be taken upon anything except the resolution, offered at the caucus held last June, providing that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of a caucus should make caucus action binding upon the whole body, except in cases where individuals have pledged their word or been instructed by their conventions to the contrary. This resolution was adopted without opposition. There was no talk in the caucus about the party policy to be pursued at the present session.

The bill prepared by General Miles for the reorganization of the army, has been introduced in Congress, but that is about as far as it will ever get, as the Hull bill, prepared largely under the direction of Secretary Alger, is backed by the administration and by the republican leaders in the House, and is, unless present plans are changed, to be put through the House before the Christmas recess. The democrats are opposed to keeping the volunteers in the service until the Army Reorganization bill becomes a law, as proposed by the administration, but their protest will not, it is feared, change the programme, because the desire to get the volunteers mustered out is counted upon to help get the votes needed to authorize the increase of the regular army to 100,000 men. The House Military Committee has favorably reported a resolution offered by Rep. Hay of Va., asking the Secretary of War to inform the House what towns in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines will have to be garrisoned by the U. S. troops, the number of troops for each town and the number that will be required at home.

The Philippine problem is giving the republicans no end of trouble. Gen. Grosvenor, of Ohio, is not a timid man in handling political questions, but he acknowledged himself at a loss to know what to do with this one when he said, after discussing several of the propositions that have been made to get rid of the islands: 'For my part, I wish the Philippines were in the bottom of the sea.' Mr. McKinley has allowed it to become known to his party leaders that he has no ambition to lead in a

Philippine policy, but will be perfectly satisfied to follow any policy that promises to be in accord with public sentiment, with preference that it should be one that will enable us to get rid of the Philippines, if it be possible to do so without laying this country open to the charge of trafficking in human liberty, for a profit, and without causing war. There is reason for saying that if it had to be done over again Mr. McKinley would not demand possession of the Philippines, and would save the twenty million dollars which we must pay to Spain for something we do not know what to do with. But that sort of hind sight doesn't help the situation one bit.

The Naval clique that has been trying to keep Lieutenant Hobson from receiving attention and deserved glory, ever since his return from a Spanish prison, has succeeded in getting him ordered out of the country for an indefinite period. It was discovered that Hobson was just the man needed to superintend the repairs on the Spanish gun boats, sunk by Dewey in Manila bay, which have been raised and sent to Hong Kong, under a contract made by Dewey. Hobson tried to get a short leave of absence to attend to some private matters, before going so far away, but it was refused him and he was given peremptory orders to leave for Hong Kong on the steamer that sails from San Francisco on Christmas eve.

The proposition, that England and the United States jointly build and control the Nicaragua Canal, has not met with any marked favor in Congress. The Morgan bill by which the United States will own a controlling interest in the company which will build the canal, guaranteeing therefor \$30,000,000 of the company's bonds, to be issued at the discretion of the President, is now before the Senate, with the right of way. Senator Morgan, its author, says it will pass by a big majority. Democrats generally would prefer that the Canal be built directly by this government and owned by it, but it is not regarded as a party question, and each Democratic Senator will vote in accordance with his individual views. What the House will do with this bill will depend largely upon the attitude of the administration towards it—an attitude not yet clearly defined, although Mr. McKinley is committed in favor of building the Canal.

Two resolutions for Congressional investigation of the war, have been offered, one by Senator Vest, and the other by Representative Sulzer, but there is little probability that either will be adopted.

Butler's paper 'The Cause' is liable to 'banst' since the election.

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COUNTY EXHIBIT.

(Continued from last week.)

Jno W. Hodges clerking for Bd 25 25, G. W. Gragg trav jur 7 80, J. Hampton trav jur 7 80, W. H. Hull trav jur 8 00, W. L. Coffey trav jur 7 80, M. B. Blackburn stonerv etc. 5 70, Jno W. Hodges making tax books etc. 205 37, M. B. Blackburn boarding jur 6 40, A. Watson state vs c Adkins 1 30, M. S. Watson state vs c Adkins 60, M. A. Adkins st vs c Adkins 3 40, M. B. Blackburn whole and half fees 10 23, Oct. 3, '98, Riley Hodges keeping co home 21 15, Riley Hodges keeping co home 14 00, A. Guinn road sup 4 15, W. Beech road sup 3 15, J. H. Robbins road sup 2 10, J. M. South road sup 2 15, Nov. 7, '98, R. Hodges keeping co home 25 15, R. Hodges keeping co home 5 00, G. W. Phillips road sup 2 15, L. H. Michael services co com etc. 19 85, G. B. Calaway jail fees 5 85, A. Rotten services co com 12 05, E. M. Greer services co com 11 45, E. F. Harman whole and half fees 65, F. P. Baker w and h fees 4 14, G. H. Green w and h fees 60, F. P. McGuire w and h fees 75, J. F. Spainhour w and h fees 4 15, B. F. Brannock w and h fees 55, J. S. Jackson w and h fees 55, W. M. Michael trav jur 8 70, E. F. Presnell 9 30, C. R. Norris 8 10, W. H. Norris 7 90, J. C. Ragan 3 75, A. J. Penley 5 55, J. L. Thomas 6 40, L. M. Hodges 6 70, W. T. Watson 6 00, R. F. Church 6 10, W. H. Mast 5 80, J. Cook 6 50, W. B. Baird 3 10, Jno Maine 9 30, J. W. Farthing 5 35, L. M. Trivett 3 10, L. H. Michael services co com 12 00, L. H. Michael serv co com 7 05, A. Rotten ser co com 19 35, E. M. Greer ser co com 18 55, Jno Gilliam road sup 4 15, G. B. Calaway conveying c Adkins to chain gang 17 15, G. B. Calaway jail fees 6 50, G. B. Calaway jail fees for July, '98, 22 60, C. J. Parlier M. D. med aid to prisoners 6 15, C. J. Parlier M. D. med aid to prisoners 1 15, W. H. Calaway holding court etc. 23 55, C. S. Young w and h fees 1 35, R. Green 4 15, L. L. Coffey 95, P. L. Hamby 2 85, M. F. Presnell 1 55, A. B. Cook 95, T. C. Hodges 50, W. H. Byrd 3 25, E. L. Banner 1 65, E. M. Church 45, Wm Michael 1 10, L. S. Bolinger 80, J. Winebarger 30, F. P. McGuire 60, W. H. Calaway 5 15, M. G. Church 45, J. F. Spainhour 18 15, G. B. Calaway 75, J. P. Fry 50, J. F. Trivett 1 55, A. Green 1 55.

PAUPER CLAIMS.

Dec. 6, 1898. Jonas winebarger agt E. Vannoy 6 15, Henry Dugger pauper 3 15, W. J. Millsaps agt A. Millsaps 6 15, W. H. Calaway agt Geo. Townsend 3 15, Jno P. Robbins agt his son 6 15, Ellis Hall agt cinda greer 6 15, Joel Triplett agt Lee Triplett 13 65, Walker & McNeil agt Smith Carroll 7 65, T. A. Critcher agt Leroy Triplett 9 15, W. M. Farthing a pauper 3 15, Polly Farthing a pauper 4 65, J. M. Hogshead agt N. Calaway 4 15, P. L. Hamby agt J. C. Triplett 3 15, P. L. Hamby agt R. Triplett 3 15, Jesse Brown agt F. Church 12 15, Jno P. Robbins agt his daughter 3 15, S. H. Greer agt S. H. Black 6 15, T. L. Cook agt S. H. Miller 3 15, P. L. Hamby agt Geo. Triplett 3 15, R. F. Edmisten agt Daniel Brown 9 15, W. C. Coffey agt David Hodges 4 65, Mar. 7, 1898. J. L. Hayes

agt C. Arp 2 15, W. C. Coffey agt D. Hodges 4 65, S. H. Greer agt S. H. Black 6 15, P. L. Hamby agt R. Triplett 3 15, H. Dugger a pauper 6 15, J. P. Robbins agt his son 6 65, E. Hall agt C. Greer 5 15, Walker & McNeil agt s Carroll 7 65, P. Farthing a pauper 4 65, P. L. Hamby agt F. Hodges 2 15, P. L. Hamby agt Geo. Triplett 3 15, T. L. Cook agt C. Miller 3 15, Jesse Brown agt F. Church 12 15, P. L. Hamby agt J. C. Triplett 3 15, W. J. Millsaps agt M. Millsaps 6 15, J. P. Robbins agt his daughter 3 65, W. H. Calaway agt G. Townsend 3 15, J. C. Triplett agt L. Triplett 13 65, W. Farthing a pauper 4 15, T. A. Critcher agt L. Triplett 9 15, J. M. Hogshead agt N. Calaway 4 15, Apr. 4, 1898. J. P. Robbins agt his son 2 50, J. P. Robbins agt his daughter 2 50, J. Winebarger agt E. Vannoy 3 15, Jonas winebarger burial exp. of E. Vannoy 2 75, May 2, '98. N. L. Mast agt W. Critcher 3 15, June 6, '98. S. H. Greer agt S. H. Black 6 15, T. L. Cook agt C. Miller 3 15, P. L. Hamby agt Geo. Triplett 3 15, R. F. Edmisten agt D. Brown 9 15, R. G. Gragg agt D. Hodges 3 15, P. L. Hamby agt F. Hodges 3 15.

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Reported Lynching at Mooresville.

Statesville Landmark. News of a reported lynching at Mooresville reached Statesville Sunday. The details of the affair are meagre and whether or not there has actually been a lynching is yet a matter of doubt. From Mr. Sam Brawley, of Mooresville, who was in town yesterday, 'The Landmark' learned the following in regard to the supposed tragedy:

Monday night of last week the barn of Capt. J. A. Harris, near Mooresville, was burned, as was reported in the last issue of The Landmark. Wash Nantz, colored, who lived on Capt. Harris' place, was suspected of burning the barn. Saturday evening Messrs. Geo. Cornelius and Ed. Brawley, of Mooresville, went to the negro's home and arrested him to take him to Mooresville for a preliminary hearing. It was after dark and while Messrs. Cornelius and Brawley were on their way back to Mooresville with the negro a crowd of 15 or 20 men came upon them, stopped their horse, seized the negro, and throwing a rope around his neck jerked him out of the buggy. Mr. Cornelius attempted to hold the prisoner but he was jerked away from him and his captors told Messrs. Cornelius and Brawley that they had better move on, which they did.

Next day the spot was visited and a rope and the negro's hat and vest were found but at last accounts no body had been found. The supposition is that Nantz was lynched but what was done with his body is a mystery.

A telephone message from Mooresville last night stated that nothing new had developed in the case. The opinion prevails that Nantz was not lynched but was taken from the officers for the purpose of extorting a confession from him. Failing in this, it is suggested that he was given a whipping and turned loose, and that he left the country.

Baptist Ministers Leaving Watauga.

The Baptist churches of this Co. are occasionally losing some of their best and most learned ministers. Within the last little while Rev. E. F. Jones has left for Gastonia, where he will make his future home. Rev. J. F. Davis has moved to Taylorsville, where he has charge of a good work and the advantage of a most excellent school for his children. And Rev. J. G. Pulliam has also gone to a better field for ministerial labors. The question arises, what is the cause of our ministers leaving us? These men are zealous, and have done very efficient work among our people, then why did they leave us? There is but one answer. The churches failed to pay them sufficiently for their labors, and as a natural consequence, they went to other fields of labor. How easy it would be for the Baptists of Watauga to give their ministers a handsome support and keep them among us, where their talents and good influences are so badly needed. There are perhaps over 1,000 members of the Baptist church in this county, and in the main, they are thrifty and well-to-do people, and we conclude that it reflects upon them to allow these men to leave for want of a liberal support, as we know of no other cause for their leaving. But it may be for the best. We know that a minister of ability will not stay long at a place where he cannot make an ample support for himself and family, as there are too many places demanding their work and they will always go to those places.

Washington Dispatch, 8th.

The North and South Carolina members of Congress say that no plan has yet been formulated of any action in regard to the race troubles. There has been some talk of a congressional investigation, but no move in that direction has been made by the House members, and one of them said today that it was probable the matter would be left to Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, who is said to have in contemplation some kind of inquiry.

Representative White, the colored member of North Carolina, arrived here today. He severely arraigns the leaders of the recent Carolina mobs, and says the race issue has about reached the point where the negro must face either extermination or emigration. In this view he expressed the regret that the President's message did not deal with the race question. White has prepared no investigation resolutions and he expresses doubt whether much can be expected from Federal inquiry or intervention.

Miss Schenck, the Long Island young lady who last summer started that 10 cent endless chain business to help the war along, would like to close up her self-imposed job, but let the letters still continue to come in at the rate of about 100 a day. Up to the 1st inst. she had received about 233,000 letters, the cash contained amounting to \$20,300. Many letters contained up dime, the corner being torn off and the dime stolen.

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